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# News UPDATE

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## PERSONAL NOTES

**FRITZ SNYDER,** the new Director of the University of Montana Law Library comes from the University of Kansas Law Library where he worked for six years. Fritz has several degrees including an M.S.L.S. and a J.D.

**STEVE OWENS** fund raising chairman for the Kohrs Memorial Library, is serving on the national advisory committee to help small and mid-size public libraries with fundraising. With a Kellogg Foundation grant, ALA and the Center on Philanthropy at the University of Indiana will develop a project to provide training in fundraising for trustees and volunteers from 60 libraries, and develop a clearinghouse of resources.

**GEN ALLEN,** Volunteer Coordinator at the State Library, received the 1994 Governor's Award for Excellence in Performance. The award was presented September 29th by Governor Racicot.

**HAROLD CHAMBERS'** 25 years of continuous service to state government was celebrated with a reception held at the State Library on August 26th. Harold began working at the Historical Society in August 1969. He transferred to the State Library in 1972 and has held a number of positions, the most current being the Collections Management Librarian.

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**LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION:** The four ways to access legislative information for this session:

1. Legislative Distribution Center [406]444-0627. Prices depend on what you want to see and whether you pick it up or have it mailed. Complete set of proceedings; status sheets; journals and index. Call for prices.

2. Montana State Bulletin Board System [BBS] Free to in-state users. [Helena or out of state: [406]444-5648] [Long distance in-state 800-962-1729] Access to the BBS requires a microcomputer, modem and communication software. For help call [406]444-2000. Hearing calendar; daily introduced bill list; cumulative bill status report; index of introduced bills; daily and cumulative bill draft request lists; the text of bills; House and Senate agendas; and a list of legislators and legislative committee assignments. House and Senate daily journals are also tentatively planned for the BBS.

3. Bill Status System public address: 900-225-4300, cost: $2 first minute, $1 each additional minute. Callers with a computer, modem and communication software, properly set, can dial into the bill status system. Status of individual bills [usually current to within the last 15-30 minutes]; legislator's bill list; committee's full hearing schedule; today's full hearing schedule for all house and senate committees; list of introduced bills by specific subject; list of bill draft requests for a specific subject; and additional information on how to use the system. Call [406]444-3064 for help. Use this system if you need up-to-the-minute information or a complete history of all actions taken on a bill. Use the BBS if daily updates are sufficient.

4. Legislative Information Office [406]444-4800 or visit in person 3rd floor, Capitol] Report, publications, and information service free to window customers. Daily agenda; hearing calendar; legislative process information; legislator information, committee information; and Capitol building information. Information services include status of bills, hearing schedules, and other legislative status information; and assisting in identifying a bill based on subject or sponsor. If tracking several bills, probably best to use the BBS or the Bill Status System. If tracking only one or two bills, the Legislative Information Office may be more convenient and economical.

To get a message to a legislator, call [406]444-4800 or fax 900-225-1600 [$2 for the first minute, $1 for each additional minute].

**MLA NOTES:** The Academic and Special Libraries Division of MLA has published the "Montana Academic and Special Libraries Directory, 1994/95," which includes listings of librarians and library technicians in Montana academic and special libraries, compiled by individual name, by institution, by city, by type of library and by areas of expertise. Contact: Coby Johnson, Mansfield Library [406]243-4729

**The Legislative Agenda** of the MLA has been set. MLA will lobby to increase interlibrary loan reimbursement by $200,000 for the biennium, [Governor Racicot has included this item in his Executive Budget proposal], to increase funding for the federations by $83,000 per year, and to fund the statewide public library card at $100,000 per year. It will also support efforts to provide Internet access to libraries and other

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information providers. It will promote adequate funding levels for all types of libraries an access to library materials without fear of censorship. MLA is developing an advocacy program for legislative lobbying to match a library supporter with each legislator.

**MLA Legislative day** is set for January 9, beginning at noon in the Capitol rotunda with a performance by Missoula library supporters, followed by time for attendees to take their legislator[s] to lunch. From 2 to 3:30 p.m. there will be a legislative briefing in the Historical Society auditorium. The rest of the afternoon is reserved for visiting with legislators. The evening session in the Justice/State Library Building will feature demonstrations of electronic information technologies in conjunction with a reception. Anyone who can to help with this annual event should contact Patricia Roberts [406]444-4393 or Judy Meadows [406]444-1979.

**Call For Papers:** MLA's Academic and Special Libraries Division is sponsoring a contributed paper program, entitled, "Significant Tidings: Research, Innovations, Ideas" at the Annual Conference in Billings in April. Notices of intent must be submitted by 1/15/95. Contact Kay Carlson, John Woodenlegs Memorial Library, Dull Knife Memorial College, [406]477-8293 or 6214.

It has been recommended by the Legislative Finance Committee that coal severance tax funds be de-earmarked. Their proposal is to "Amend statute to combine into one allocation the current coal severance tax allocations for: 1) school equalization; 2) local impact; 3) Montana Growth Through Agriculture; 4) renewable resource development bond fund; 5) renewable resource loan debt service fund; 6) county land planning; 7) state library commission; and 8) conservation districts. These programs would not be eliminated. The money in this account would be available for prioritization and appropriation by the Legislature for these eight programs."

**STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION:** "Library Futures" task forces [to discuss direction for Montana's libraries] were recently established and met November 2nd, 4th and 16th in Misssoula, Havre and Forsyth respectively. A total of about 65 librarians, library users and State Library Commissioners attended. Mike Schulz, Director of the Lucy Carson Library at the University of Montana-Dillon and member of the State Library Commission, was the facilitator for each of the meetings. Minutes of each meeting have been produced, and subcommittees of each are getting together to develop goals which emerged from the group. All three task forces will meet together in January to make recommendations which will be forwarded to the State Library Commission for its February 22nd meeting.

**Meeting [Dec. 6]** The Commission approved a Title I LSCA grant in the amount to $24,240 to Lewis and Clark Library entitled "Wiring Montana Libraries." They approved the Title III portion of this grant for $88,525. The project will provide Internet access to librarians and library patrons in the Helena area, and access to Montana spatial and other natural resource information. The Commission approved a $3,000 Title III grant to West Yellowstone Public Library for LaserCat. There were balances of $33,273 in Title I funds and $12,553 in Title III which the Commission voted to roll over into the FY96 grant cycle.

The Commission accepted the FY94 federation annual reports, the FY94 LSCA annual report, and the FY95 LSCA Long Range Program Update. They concurred with an Advisory Council recommendation to establish technology as a priority for grant funding in FY97; this will also be the priority for funding in the FY96 grant cycle.

The Commission re-elected Anne Hauptman as Chair and Peggy Guthrie Vice-Chair for another year. Meeting dates for calendar year 1995: February 22, April 25, May 17, August 2, October 18 and December 6. The Commission plans to hold a retreat on February 21st.

At its October meeting, the Commission adopted an Incentive Award Policy for the State Library, which enables the State Librarian to approve awards of up to 40 hours of paid leave to employees, or cash awards to members of the general public, for innovative ideas which result in cost savings, cost avoidance, or improvement of effectiveness or efficiency of providing services to the public. This policy implements an Incentive Award law enacted during the November 1993 Special Legislative Session.

**STATE LIBRARY: FY96-LSCA Grants** for libraries and other organizations with innovative ideas for the providing library services to the public in Montana will be available beginning March 1995. The LSCA Manual for Titles I, II, and III can be obtained from the State Library, with review copies provided to your local public libraries. It contains information needed to apply for part of approximately $300,000 of federal LSCA funds. Projected deadline for applications dealing with public library services, multi-type library resource sharing, and\or technology development for library service September 1995. Projected deadline for public library construction grant applications--November 1995. Contact Bob Cooper, LSCA Specialist, Montana State Library, [406]444-5350.

**A Trustee Training Video** is available from the State Library which covers board organizations, basic budgeting and policies for public libraries. Contact Statewide Library Resources at [406]444-3004.

**The Montana Talking Book Library** set up and staffed a display at the Governor's Conference on Aging

in Butte on September 14th and 15th. Talking Books again recorded the 1994 "Voter Information Pamphlet," with audio copies placed by the Secretary of State in all Montana public libraries.

**The Natural Resource Information System** [NRIS] and the Montana Geographic Information System Technical Working Group [TWG] have received a grant from the Federal Geographic Data Committee for the developing tools, databases, and procedures to facilitate GIS information sharing via the Internet. Contact: Allan Cox, NRIS [406]444-5355.

The Montana State Library now has MOSAIC access to Internet. MOSAIC is a hypermedia Internet browsing tool. The library and NRIS have both developed HOME PAGES, access points to their services. The Home Page addresses are:

http://nris.msl.mt.gov/library/lib.html (Montana State Library)

http://nris.msl.mt.gov (NRIS)

Call: Pam Smith, NRIS [406]444-5354.

**NOTICE To All Public Librarians:** The distribution date of the Montana Public Library Annual Report of Statistics 93/94 has been moved to March 1995. Those librarians who have not yet turned in their statistical report, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

**GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY** had its annual phon-a-thon to collect contributions for the library in November. The final count is not yet in, but it looks like they met their goal of raising $15,000 in two days of calling.

**ORDERING:** In a recent discussion of folks who do the ordering for their libraries, it was discovered they have much to share by way of information, tips and tricks. They decided to invite everyone to a discussion called "Navigating the Book Vendors: Discounts, Ordering Methods--Who we like and What we don't." If interested in this informal exchange of ideas, contact: Marylee Schneider, Lewis & Clark Library, [406]442-2389 or Sassi Forden, Flathead County Library, [406]758-5821.

**THE PLUM CREEK FOUNDATION** of Seattle has donated $3,000 to the Kohrs Memorial Library in Deer Lodge. The grant will be used for the library's "Access and Expansion" project, which will expand and preserve the historic library and make it accessible. Volunteers have raised over $366,200 for the project in three years. Final plans and bid specifications are currently being prepared and construction should start in early spring. Donations came from 26 states and over 40 Montana communities.

**THE FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY** Board of Trustees has turned over a list of people owing more than $50 each for fines and lost books [over $16,600] to a collection agency. The majority of money owed to the library is for books not returned.

**THE NORTH VALLEY LIBRARY BOARD** has enacted a policy that could result in misdemeanor theft charges against recalcitrant borrowers. Previous attempts to retrieve books brought little results. Plans are to have the town's attorney sign a letter warning non-cooperative borrowers that they can be charged with theft for not returning library property. The Board also directed Librarian Patti Jo Thomas to get information on installing a book detection system.

**THE MONTANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** awarded grants totaling $9,928, and elected officers, board and regional members, at a meeting in West Yellowstone, Sept 23-24.

Stephen Browning of Helena was elected chairman and president of the foundation.

Hobson Community Library received a $500 grant from the foundation which is Montana's only statewide public philanthropic organization. The foundation awards grants in five areas: arts and culture, basic human needs, economic vitality, education and natural conservation.

**BOZEMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY** has signed a contract with Dynix, Inc. to automate the card catalog and circulation department by summer of 1995.

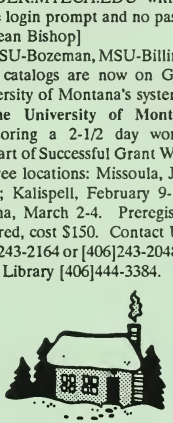
The Bozeman Public Library has installed a new phone system; the new number is [406]582-2400.

**ACADEMIC LIBRARY NOTES:** A new Internet work station with a graphic interface is now available to students, faculty and staff at the Mansfield Library. Users will see the Internet as it is now designed to be seen with access to images, sensitive maps and direct IP access to FTP sites. Several Internet applications are offered including BC Gopher [a graphic gopher], Cello [a World Wide Web interface], a windowed Telnet application, a windows news reader, and Mosaic. [By Bill Elison]

Digger up and Going: The automated library card catalog is up and running at Montana Tech Library with seven public access terminals. Access it from your computer terminal by telenetting to DIGGER.MTECH.EDU with mtlib at the login prompt and no password. [By Jean Bishop]

MSU-Bozeman, MSU-Billings and Tech catalogs are now on GrizNet, University of Montana's system.

**The University of Montana** is sponsoring a 2-1/2 day workshop, "The art of Successful Grant Writing," at three locations: Missoula, January 26-28; Kalispell, February 9-11 and Helena, March 2-4. Preregistration required, cost $150. Contact U of M [406]243-2164 or [406]243-2048 or the State Library [406]444-3384.



## NATIONAL NEWS

**POSTAL RATE GOING UP:** Originally set to be 73.7%, the Postal Rate Commission slightly reduced the library rate increase to 69.9 percent. The new rate is expected to take effect on January 1, 1995.

**TOPICS, DATES ANNOUNCED FOR 1995 PLA WORKSHOPS:** The PLA's fifth series of Chicago Cluster workshops will be held March 23-25, 1995, at the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Among this year's topics are: "Kids, Libraries and Technology: Making the Connection," "It Could Never Happen Here: Preventing Violence in Your Library," and "Special Delivery: Shaping and Sharing Your Library's Message." Contact: 800-545-2433x5PLA.

**ACRL ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS FOR CONFERENCE:** Four nationally known speakers, including NPR's John McChesney, will address the 7th national conference of the Association of College & Research Libraries [ACRL] scheduled for March 29-April 1, 1995, in Pittsburgh. Contact: 800-545-2433x2521.

**1994 FALL ALA GRAPHICS CATALOG AVAILABLE:** The ALA Graphics Department has released its free 1994 fall catalog, featuring celebrity "READ" posters, national reading program materials, electronic clip art and other library and reading promotion materials. Contact: 800-545-2433x5046.

**NEH FUNDS THIRD "POETS IN PERSON" PROJECT:** The National Endowment for the Humanities [NEH] has awarded $200,000 to the Modern Poetry Association for "Poets in Person" Reading, Hearing, and Talking About Contemporary Poetry in America's Libraries. Twenty libraries will be selected. Libraries that have not participated in previous projects of this kind and those in geographical areas with limited access to public programs are encouraged to apply. Applications must be postmarked by 2/28/95. Contact: 800-545-2433x5053.

**1995 NORTHWEST POETS & ARTIST CALENDAR,** winner of Bumbershoot's 1994 Best Non-Book Publication Award, is available. Cost $12.95. Call [206]842-7901.

**ACRL-FORUM LISTSERV AVAILABLE:** ACRL-Forum, an unmoderated listserv, is now available for discussion of issues pertinent to the Association of College and Research Libraries, academic librarianship and higher education.

To subscribe send the message **"Sub ACRL-FRM your name** to **"listserv@uicvm"** for bitnet users, and **"listserv@uicvm.uic.edu"** for Internet users. For more information, contact Ray Metz via e-mail, metz@po.cwru.edu, or Mary Ellen K. Davis, listserv co-owner, at mary.ellen.davis@ala.org.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK THEME:** "Libraries Change Lives" will be the theme for National Library Week, April 9-15, 1995 -- the first time a theme has been used for three years.

## CALENDAR

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| Jan 9 | MLA Legislative Day |
| Jan 15-21 | National Book Week |
| Jan 27 | MT Library Services Advisory Council |
| Feb 3-9 | ALA Midwinter-Philadelphia |
| Feb 22 | State Library Commission |

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## STATEWIDE AUTOMATION INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

I'd like to solicit your help in getting some information about electronic resources available in your library. Please complete this questionnaire only if you represent an established library. We are collecting this information so that we can get an idea about who has what in the way of electronic resources throughout the state and how we can better meet the needs of all types of libraries. We know some of you responded to a more extensive survey that was sent out earlier, but would like all of you to give us your information this time around.

Name of Library:_____.

How many microcomputers do you have in your library?

_____IBM or PC Compatibles. _____Macintosh.

If you have a PC Compatible, are you using Windows? ____Yes ____No

Does your library have a LAN (Local Area Network)? ____Yes ____No

Do you have access to the Internet? ____Yes ____No

Do you access the Internet directly via your LAN? ____Yes ____No

When you use the Internet can you see colored pictures?
____Yes ____No

Do you have public Internet access in your library? ____Yes ____No

Does your library subscribe to LaserCat? _____Yes _____No

Do you access WLN online? ____Through a dedicated connection.

____Through a dial-up connection. ____Via the Internet.

Do you access OCLC? ____Through a dedicated connection.

____Through a dial-up connection. ____Via the Internet.

Does your library have an <u>automated</u> circulation system?
____Yes ____No

Does your library have an <u>automated</u> library system with a public access catalog? ____Yes ____No

(OVER)

If yes, check the one that applies:

____Dynix/Ameritech ____CLSI/GEAC ____DRA
____Inlex ____Gaylord ____Bibliofile

Or other: Please Specify_____

Check the electronic reference sources that your library subscribes to either on CD-ROM, or licenses for use with or through your local library automation system.

_____Magazine Index or Magazine Index+ _____Business Index

____Academic Index _____Expanded Academic Index with Full Text

____Legal Trac ____Health References Database ____ProQuest

____ABI/INFORM ____PsychInfo ____Life Sciences Collection

____Wilson Indexes ____Magazine Article Summaries

____West Law Products

Others: (Please Specify)_____

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Please take a few minutes to respond to this survey. We will place this form up on the listserv WIRED-MT, so that those of you who have Internet access can respond electronically.

Thanks to all of you who answered some of our questions the first time around. We hope more of you will be able to take the time to answer this time around. Even if you replied to the first survey will you complete this one as well? Please send your responses back to the State Library by January 15, 1995. Again our thanks.

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